

FEBRUARY 20, 1833:

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PLUMMER, from the Committee on the Public Lands, reported the following bill:

A BILL

Granting to the States of Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, and Alabama, a quantity of land for purposes of Internal Improvement.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*
3 there shall be granted to each of the States of Mississippi,
4 Louisiana, and Missouri, the quantity of five hundred thous-
5 and acres of land; to the State of Indiana, one hundred and
6 fifteen thousand two hundred and seventy-two acres of land;
7 to the State of Illinois, twenty thousand acres; and to the State
8 of Alabama, one hundred thousand acres of land; lying within
9 the limits of said States, respectively; to be selected in such
10 manner as the Legislatures thereof shall direct, and located in
11 parcels conformably to sectional divisions and subdivisions of
12 not less than eighty acres in any one locations on any public
13 land subject to entry at private sale, which said locations may
14 be made at any time within five years after the lands of the
15 United States shall have been surveyed and offered at public
16 sale.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the lands herein
 2 granted to the States aforesaid, shall not be disposed of at a
 3 price less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, until
 4 authorized by an act of Congress; and the nett proceeds of
 5 the sales of said lands shall be faithfully applied to the objects
 6 of internal improvement within the States aforesaid, respec-
 7 tively, herein after specified.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the proceeds
 2 arising from the sale of said lands within the State of Mississip-
 3 pi shall be applied to the improvement of the navigation
 4 of the Tombigbee, Yazoo, Big Black, Homochitto, Pearl,
 5 Pascagoula, Leaf, and Chickasawhoey rivers, and the Pass
 6 or Bayou connecting the Mississippi, by way of the Cold
 7 Water, with the Yazoo river; the proceeds arising from the
 8 sale of said lands within the State of Louisiana, shall be ap-
 9 plied to the improvement of the navigation of the following
 10 water courses, viz. Pearl river, Chifoneta, Tarchipaho, Nut-
 11 albany, Amite, Tickfaw, Lafourche, Archafalaya, Plaque-
 12 mine, Teche, Red river, Bayou Bœuf, Vermillion, Onachit-
 13 ta. The proceeds arising from the sale of said lands with-
 14 in the State of Missouri, shall be applied to the improve-
 15 ment of the Marimack, and a branch thereof called Big river,
 16 Osage, and Gasconade rivers; draining the Big swamp in the
 17 country of Cape Girardeau, Scott, and New Madrid; build-
 18 ing bridges over the principal rivers and creeks where the

19 main State roads cross the same, leading from St. Charles
20 county to the north boundary of Missouri, from St. Louis to
21 New Madrid, and from St. Charles to Clay county, on the
22 north side of the Missouri river, and for the repair of said
23 roads. The proceeds arising from the sale of said lands with-
24 in the State of Indiana, shall be applied to the improvement
25 of the Wabash and White rivers. The proceeds arising
26 from the sale of said lands within the State of Illinois, shall
27 be applied to the completion of the Illinois and Michigan ca-
28 nal. The proceeds arising from the sale of said lands within
29 the State of Alabama, shall be applied to the completion of
30 the improvement of the navigation of the Tennessee river al-
31 ready commenced.